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C O N F I D E N T I A L MASERU 1496

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINR, EEC, LT

SUBJECT: BIO DATA: THABO E. NTLHAKANA, LESOTHO REP TO EEC

REF: A. 75 MASERU 1100 (NOTAL), B. EC BRUSSELS 11539

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: NTLHAKANA RECEIVED BACHELOR'S DEGREE FROM UNIV. OF BOTSWANA, LESOTHO AND SWAZILAND 1965 AND THEN JOINED DEPT OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AS ASST. INFORMATION OFFICER; APPOINTED ACTING DIRECTOR INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING 1967; TRANSFERRED TO MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS 1970. APPOINTED COUNSELLOR OF HIGH COMMISSION IN LONDON JULY 1970. RECALLED LESOTHO AS CHIEF OF PROTOCOL MFA, JANUARY 1975; APPOINTED DIRECTOR INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING MAY 1975; NAMED HIGH COMMISSIONER TO LONDON OCT. 1975, POSITION HE HELD UNTIL PRESENT APPOINTMENT AS REP. TO EEC. END UNCLASSIFIED.

2. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL: NTLHAKANA APPEARS TO BE COMPETENT, BUT PROBABLY OWES HIS POSITION MORE TO CONNECTIONS THAN MERIT. HE IS FROM LERIBE, THE PM AND HIS CLAN'S HOME DISTRICT. HE SEEMS WELL-DISPOSED TOWARD THE U.S. AND PRESUMABLY THE EC. HE IS A FLASHY DRESSER WITH AN OUTGOING PERSONALITY AND SPEAKS ENGLISH VERY WELL. END CONFIDENTIAL.
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